GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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LOAD NORMS
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided any policy adhering to prescribed load norms;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether despite changes in the law, basic issues relating to overloading, road safety, vehicular pollution, nationalisation of taxation structure, national permit, standardisation of bus body design remain unsolved; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS(MAJOR GENERAL(RETD.) B KHANDURI)

(a) & (b) The Load norms for different categories of transport vehicles have been prescribed as per details annexed. The enforcement of the provisions of load ceilings falls totally under the purview of Governments of respective States/Union Territories.

(c) & (d) In the 30th meeting of the Transport Development Council held on 16.1.2003, all the States agreed to strictly enforce the provisions relating to overloading. The Rationalisation of Motor Vehicle Taxation was also discussed in the meeting. The States, however, did not favour the rationalization of taxes on grounds of revenue loss. During the meeting, the States also agreed to the need for regulating the bus body building activity based on Standard Code of Practice for Bus Body Design. In respect of National Permits, the States agreed to strictly enforce the use of security printed water mark paper with hologram for issue of national permits and provision of separate receipts for bank drafts presented by an applicant for national permit on similarly printed receipts. For pollution control, it was agreed to introduce measurement of Hydrocarbon emissions, as also to tighten emission norms, in respect of post 2000 new generation vehicles. All three aspects of road safety, namely, education, enforcement and engineering are being vigoursly pursued.